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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application identified above:

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows. An amended version of the specification showing the specific amendments is shown in Appendix B.

In the Specification

Please revise the information in the specification as follows:

On page 8, lines 8-23:

Also during the D stage 314, the scoreboard 600 (FIGURE 6) is read and updated. The scoreboard 600 is a structure with information concerning unfinished loads and long latency instructions. An unfinished load instruction is an instruction whose scoreboard entry is valid but that has not yet returned its load data. All instructions access the scoreboard 600 in the D Stage 314 in order to check for dependencies. When a new instruction enters the D stage 314, it compares its

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